

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Wesley Hargett Farm

## 2. Location

street & number 13931 Schaeffer Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Germantown ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wesley D. &amp; V. P. Hargett

street &amp; number 13931 Schaeffer Road telephone no.: 301-428-3634

city, town Germantown state and zip code MD 20874

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 1724

street &amp; number folio 491

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Wesley Hargett barn is a large, wood frame, gable roof bank barn with a brick silo. The barn is sheathed in vertical boards (installed while still green, according to Mr. Hargett, who claims this is why so many of the boards are warped and won't hold paint<sup>1</sup>). Portions of the siding have been covered with large sections of sheet metal. The barn was built in 1906, and originally its roof was covered with wood shingles. The metal roof was installed in 1940. The brick silo with conical cement roof was built in 1919.<sup>2</sup>

The southeast elevation consists of the overhanging hayloft with two large, vertical board doors which roll horizontally to cover two separate openings. Beneath the overhang the recessed wall contains several dutch doors that give access to the stabling area. Between the doors the walls are covered with wide horizontal boards set flush. The northeast wall contains seven windows which light the stabling area. While most have had their sash replaced, one window still has a six-over-six double-hung wood sash.

The brick silo is attached to the north corner of the barn by a narrow, three-story connector, also of brick, containing three narrow windows. The silo is banded near the top, approximately six courses below the overhang of the conical roof.

The dairy to the southeast of the barn was built c. 1930, and is a small, three bay by one bay brick structure with a slate covered hip roof. Over the door and windows are large stone lintels. Three other pieces of stone are inserted in the southeast (front) elevation. The windows have one-over-one wood sash. The upper half of the wood door contains four lights, the lower half contains three horizontal, raised panels.

The brick house on the property was built in 1915.

### FOOTNOTES

1. Interview with Wesley Hargett, August, 1987.
2. Ibid.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates      1906      Builder/Architect      John F. Hargett

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Wesley Hargett barn, silo, and dairy are significant as early and unusual 20th century farm buildings. Built by John F. Hargett (father of Wesley) and finished on May 19, 1906, this large barn is typical of the general purpose or utility bank barns built in the County during the last years of the 19th and early decades of the 20th century. It lacks the louvered openings and vertical battens of its predecessors, but has the gable roof and arrangement of doors and windows of its successors through the 1920's.

Its brick silo is unusual. Built in 1919, it is one of the few remaining 20th century brick silos in the County. Most silos built after that time were made of terra cotta blocks or concrete staves, reinforced with external steel bands. The dairy, built about 1930 by Wesley's brother, Harold Hargett, is also of brick, when most dairies around the County were being built of concrete block. This unusual little building, with its slate roof and stone lintels, still contains the older milk cooling device used before the large stainless steel bulk tanks came into use in the mid-1950's.

According to the Sugarloaf Regional Trails pamphlet, "The Farm Trail," this farm "was one of the first in the County to specialize in raising beef cattle."<sup>1</sup> According to Wesley Hargett, his father continued to milk cows in the bank barn until his death in 1943, despite increasing pressure from County and State officials to erect a more sanitary cow barn. To build a concrete dairy barn, new dairy, and well would have cost \$42,000 at that time.<sup>2</sup> The switch to raising beef cattle would have been a logical choice.

Thus this collection of early 20th century farm buildings tells the story of farming here in the first half of the century, and illustrates that story with a collection of unique structures.

### FOOTNOTES

1. Frederick Gutheim & Stuart L. Miner, "The Farm Trail" (Dickerson, MD: Sugarloaf Regional Trails, no date), #8.

2. Interview with Wesley Hargett, August, 1987.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Wesley Hargett Farm

13931 Schaeffer Road

Germantown, MD

Andrea Rebeck 1987

Dairy, southeast elevation





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Wesley Hargett Farm  
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Germantown, MD  
Andrea Rebeck  
Looking west

1987